

The Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider

BNL/PHENIX Group

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Group composition and responsibilities

- Primary responsibility is operation of PHENIX experiment, hosting of activities – e.g, visitor support, computing, meetings, publication support – and research activity to optimize scientific output of the collaboration.
- Model of strong research involvement with PHENIX has been very successful – areas of particular expertise (e.g., neutral pions, photons, global observables, fluctuations), and ability to attract capable scientists
- Group leader (Morrison), two deputies (Steinberg, Woody) – work in conjunction with leaders of specific activities to coordinate and direct effort of group
- Current PHENIX activities include technical crew working on PHENIX R&R
- Activities directed toward anticipated sPHENIX project
 - detector prototypes and test beam activities
 - sPHENIX project management
- ATLAS HI physics analysis & ZDC project lead
- R&D (LDRD, PD, PECASE, TSAs (tech. service agreements), EIC R&D)

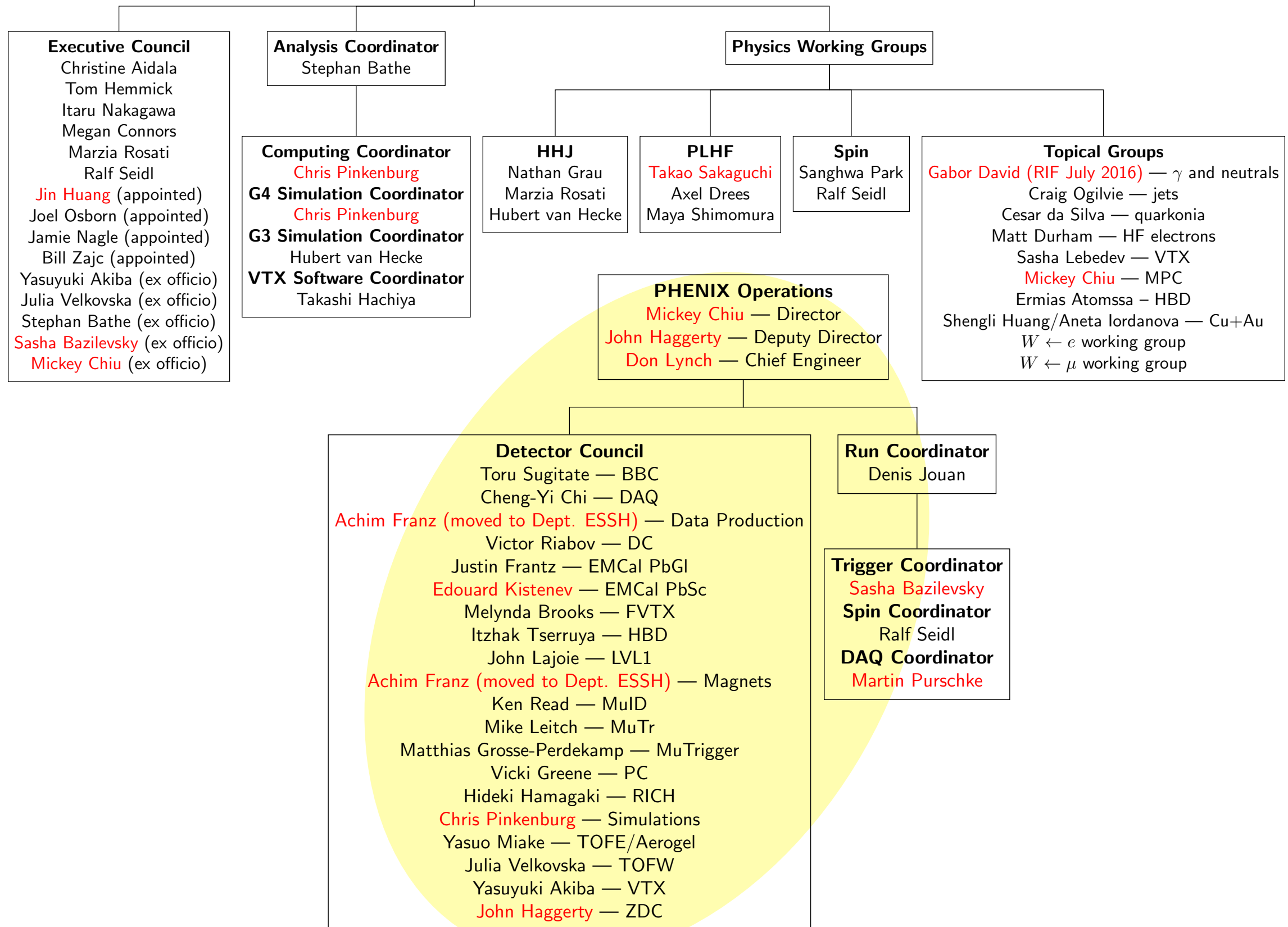
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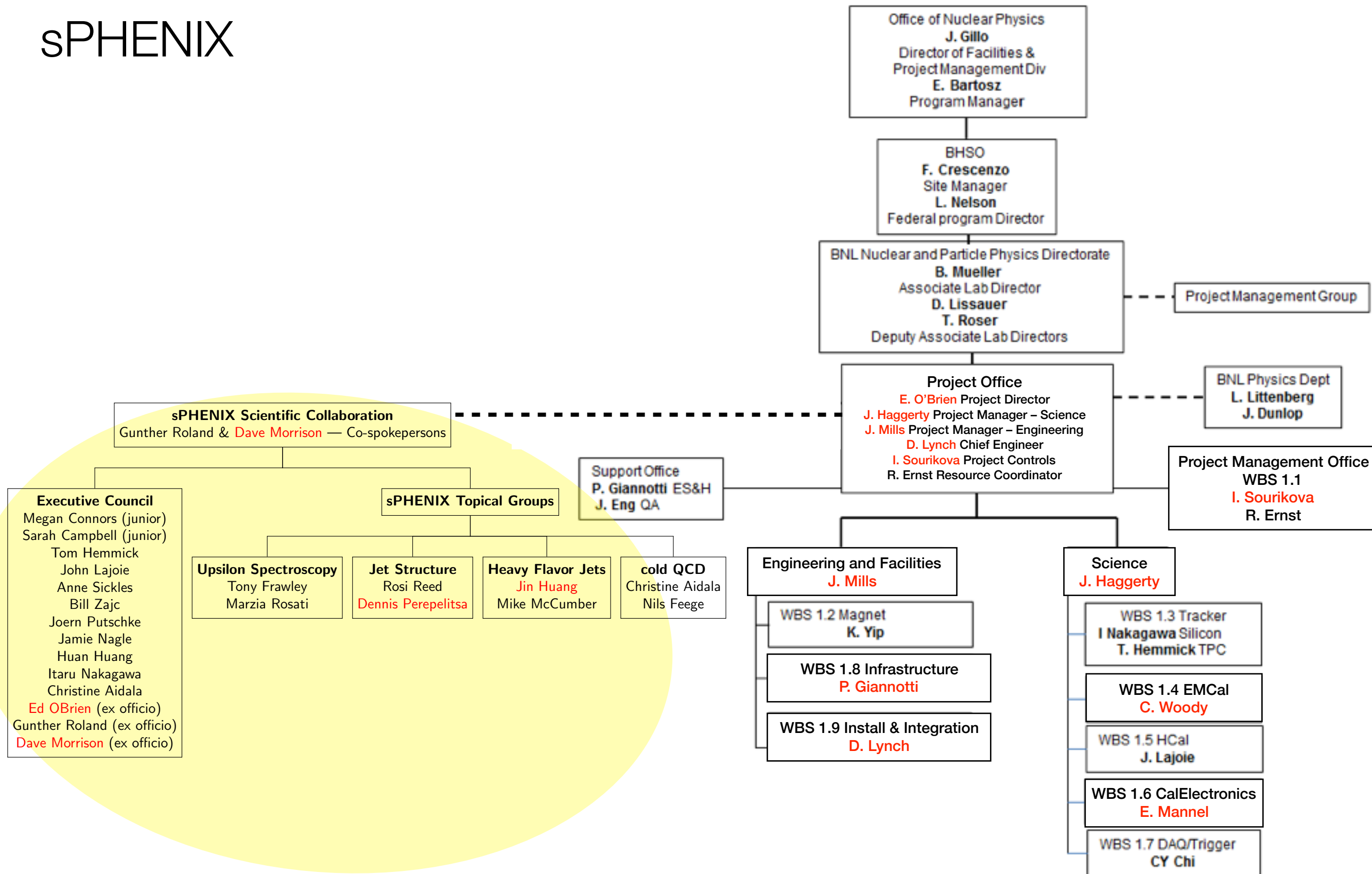
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PHENIX Scientific Collaboration Yasuyuki Akiba — Spokesperson
 Julia Velkovska — Deputy Spokesperson
 Stephan Bathe — Deputy Spokesperson
 Sasha Bazilevsky — Deputy Spokesperson

Jamie Nagle, Dave Morrison co-spokespersons through 2015
 Publication support: Brant Johnson (RIF July 2016; contract for 20% FTE)
 Web support: Hyon-Joo Kehayias (voluntary RIF December 2015)



sPHENIX



PHENIX Operations

BNL/PHENIX group has provided key support to maintain and operate detector, and to build and improve equipment

red = DC Member/Subsystem Leader

DAQ – **Martin Purschke**, Ed Desmond, John Haggerty, Mickey Chiu

ONLCAL/ONLMON/RCF Liaison – **Chris Pinkenburg**

ZDC – **John Haggerty**

MPC – **Mickey Chiu**

MPC-EX – Edward Kistenev, Andrey Sukhanov, Steve Boose

EMC – **Edouard Kistenev**, Sean Stoll, Jeff Mitchell

RICH – Takao Sakaguchi

VTXS/VTXP – **Rachid Nouicer**, Eric Mannel, Mike Lenz, Rob Pisani

FVTX – Jin Huang

HV – **Martin Purschke**, Sal Polizzo

LV – **Steve Boose**, Sal Polizzo, John Haggerty

Safety Systems – **Paul Giannotti**, Frank Toldo

Gas Systems – **Carter Biggs**, Rob Pisani, John Tradeski

Slow Controls – **Steve Boose**, John Haggerty, Frank Toldo

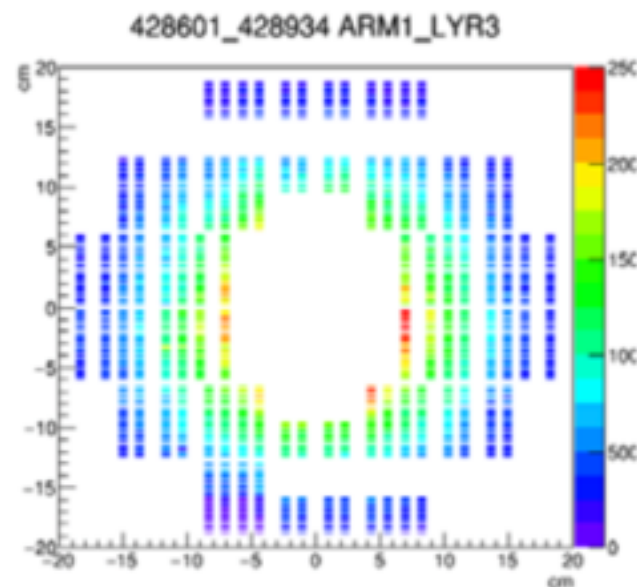
Magnets – **Achim Franz**

Infrastructure Support – **Carter Biggs**, Don Lynch, Jimmy Labounty, John Tradeski

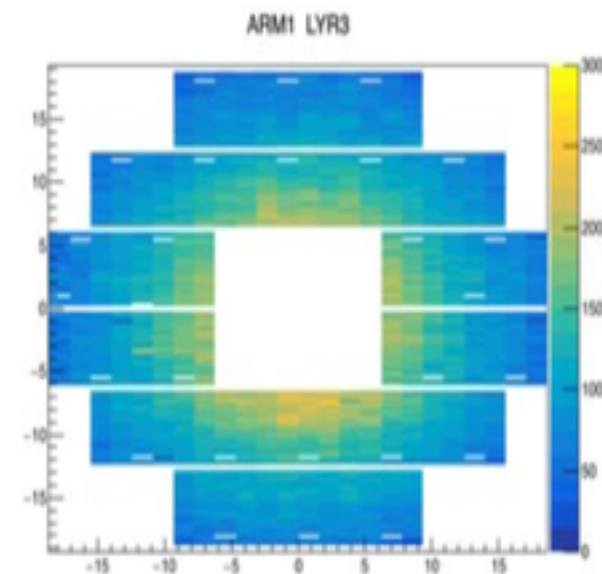
PHENIX Operations - maintain/improve detectors

1. MPC-EX W-Si preshower for forward direct γ
 - FEM+Carrier Boards: A. Sukhanov (moved to C-AD)
 - HV/LV Distribution Boards: S. Boose
 - DAQ Integration: E. Desmond, M. Purschke
 - Mechanical Design: D. Lynch, R. Ruggiero
 - Installation: J. Labounty, C. Biggs, F. Toldo
 - Firmware improvements Run15 to Run16 \Rightarrow 95% live

Run15



Run16



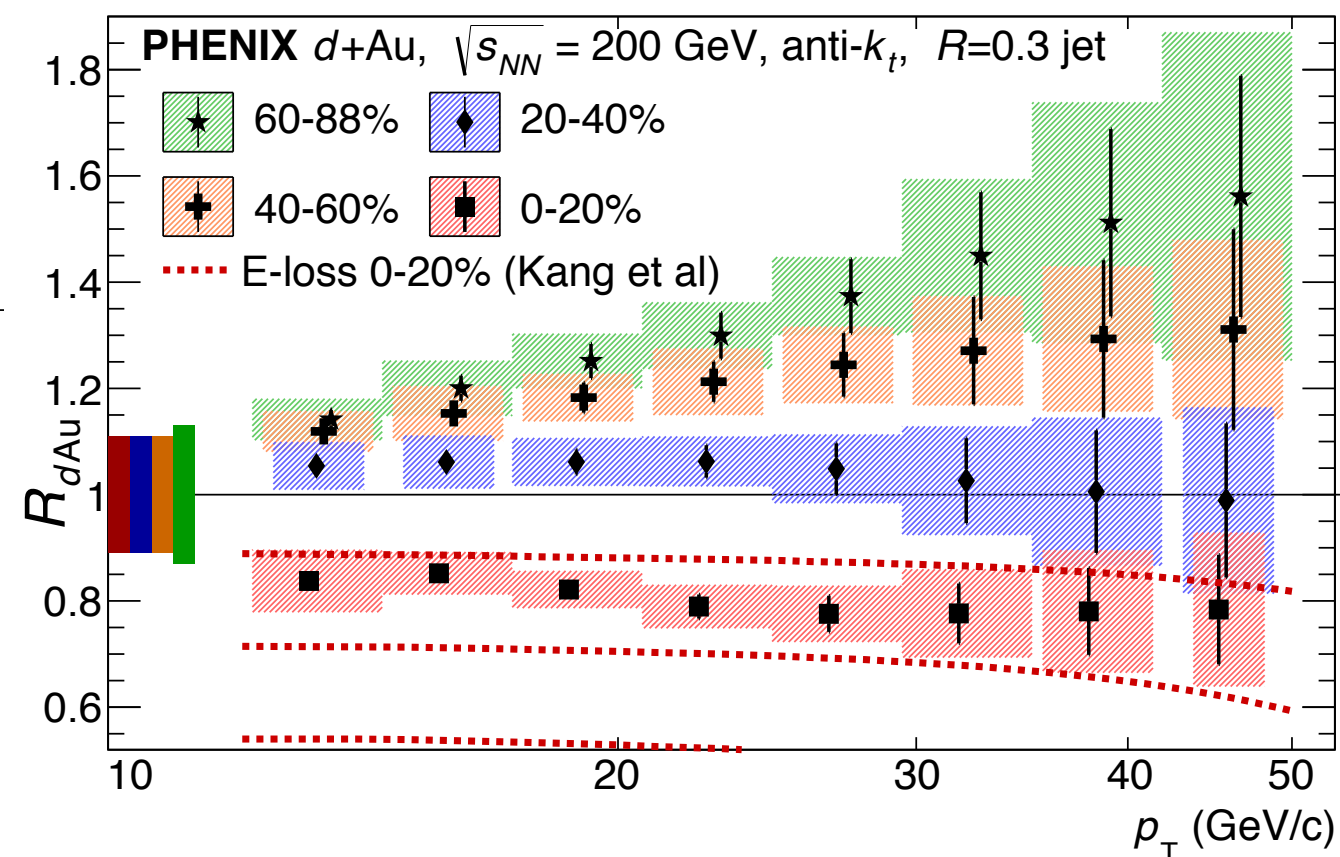
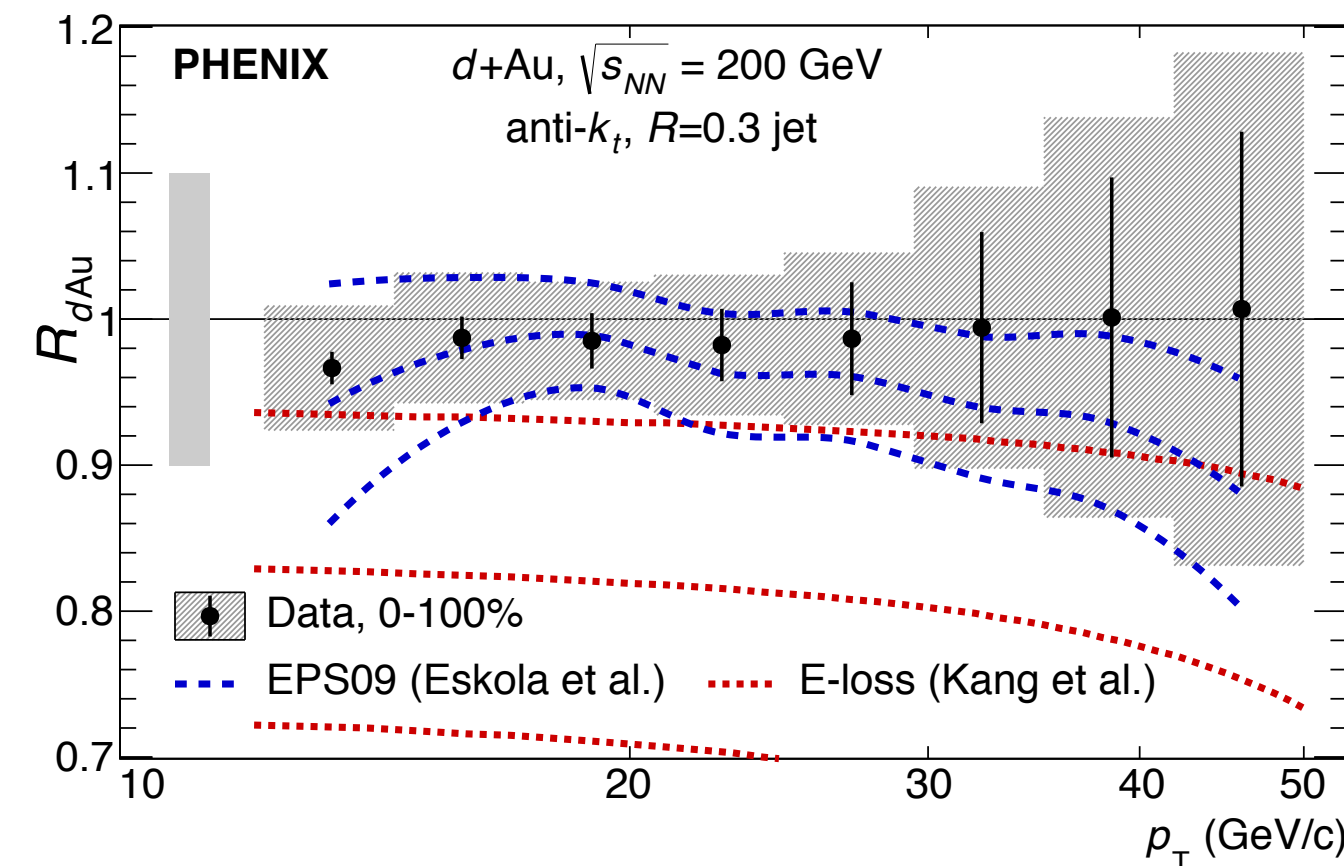
2. VTX/FVTX cooling system improvements for Run15
 - Run14 static discharge and condensation issues
 - No issues in cooling system for Run15/16
3. Repair of MPC and VTX damaged by beam dumps in Run15 p+Au
 - Protection diodes added to MPC
 - VTX-S ladders reconfigured to maximize live area

Scientific productivity since 2014 S&T review

- 5 IAC spots
- 8 LOC spots (including conveners at conferences)
- 45 invited seminars and talks
- Primary authors or on internal review committees or editors on 59 refereed papers (PHENIX, ATLAS, sPHENIX, few author, review and white papers)

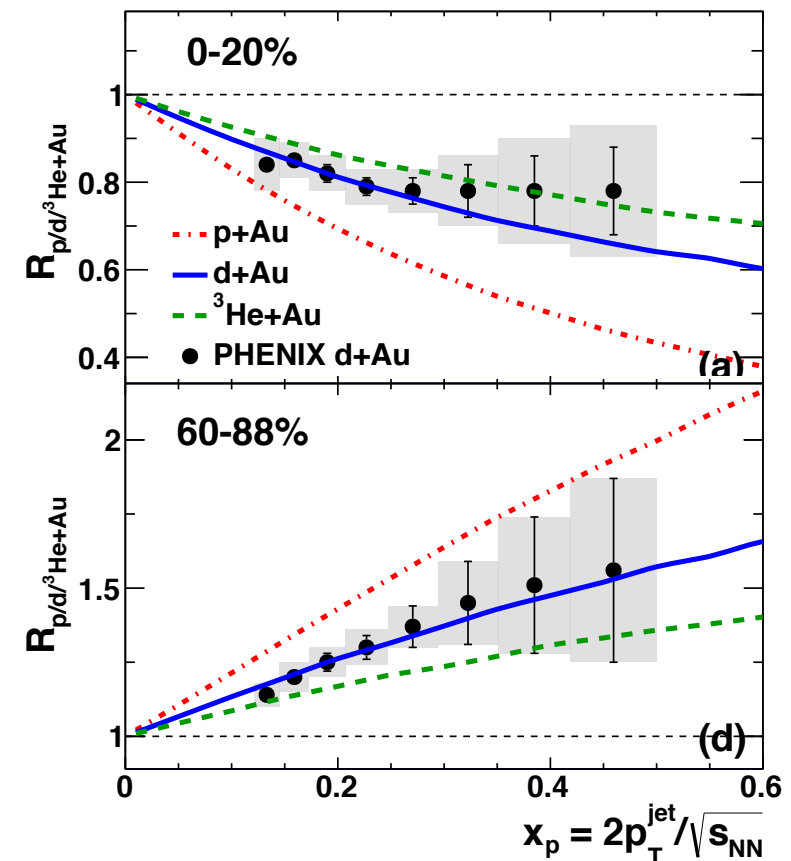
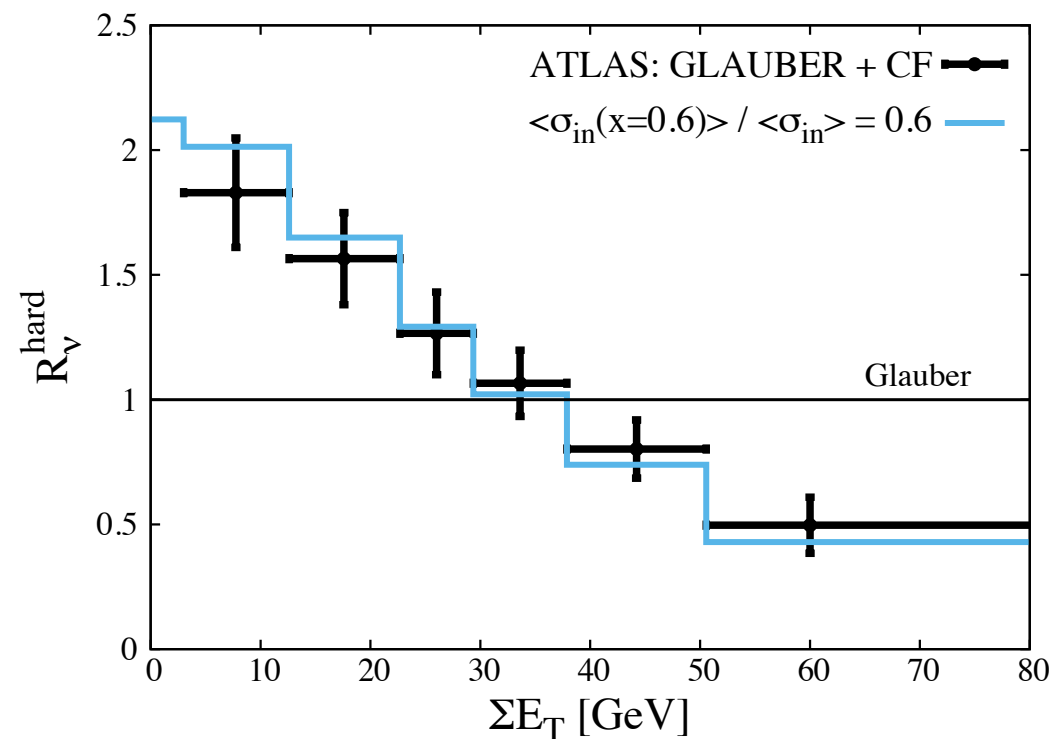


Jet production in $d+Au$



- PHENIX Collaboration, Centrality-dependent modification of jet-production rates in deuteron-gold collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 200$ GeV, Phys. Rev. Lett. 116 (2016)122301
- Measurement of nPDF / cold-nuclear matter effects over large kinematic range at RHIC
- First measured jet spectrum in non-p+p collision system at RHIC – finalizes QM'12 result; observation of qualitatively similar effects to p+Pb data at LHC

Possible x -dependent proton size fluctuations



- Alvioli, Cole, Frankfurt, Perepelitsa, Strikman, Evidence for x -dependent proton color fluctuations in pA collisions at the CERN Large Hadron Collider, Phys. Rev. C93 (2016) 011902
 - ➔ explanation of p+Pb effects at the LHC as arising from “shrinking” or “weakly interacting” proton, with quantitative comparison of model to data
- McGlinchey, Nagle, Perepelitsa, Consequences of high- x proton size fluctuations in small collision systems at RHIC, nucl-th/1603.06607, Accepted by Phys. Rev. C
 - ➔ proposal to test shrinking proton picture with p/d/ $^3\text{He+Au}$ data at RHIC

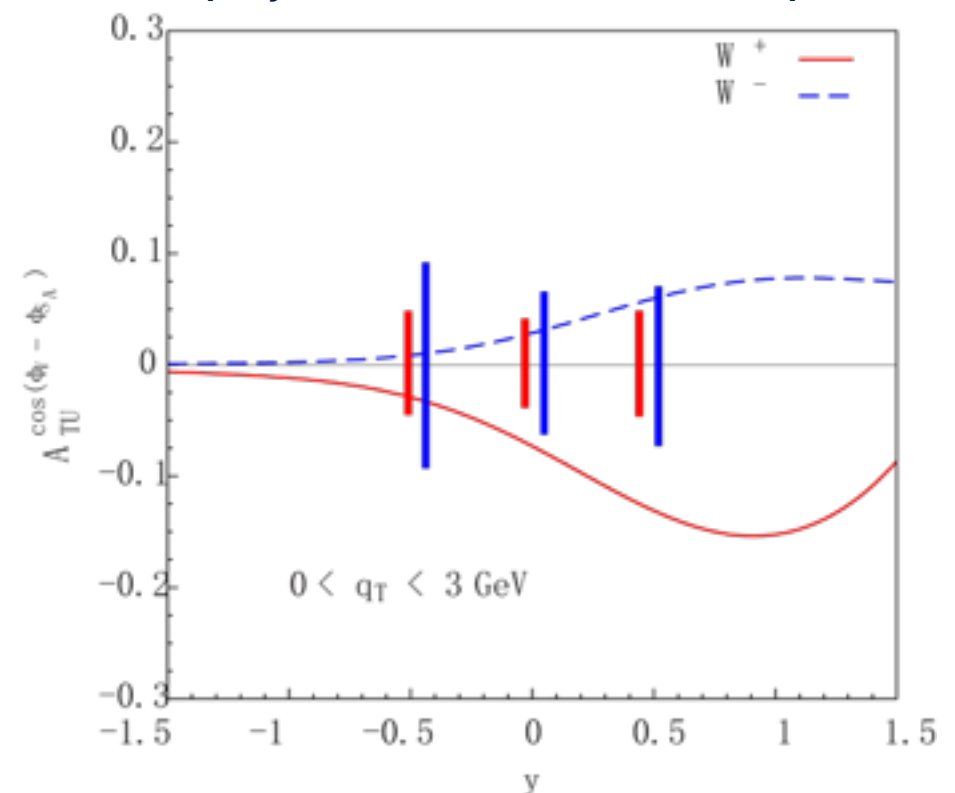


Huang, Kang, Vitev, Xing, PRD 93 (2016)

Within TMD factorization formalism, presents the cross sections for **weak boson production in polarized pp collisions**. And estimated the spin asymmetries at the top RHIC energy.



- **Curve:** Huang, Kang, Vitev, Xing, PRD 93 (2016)
- **Points:** Jin's naïve expectation of STAR Run17 projection based on Sivers A_N projection in RHIC Cold QCD plan



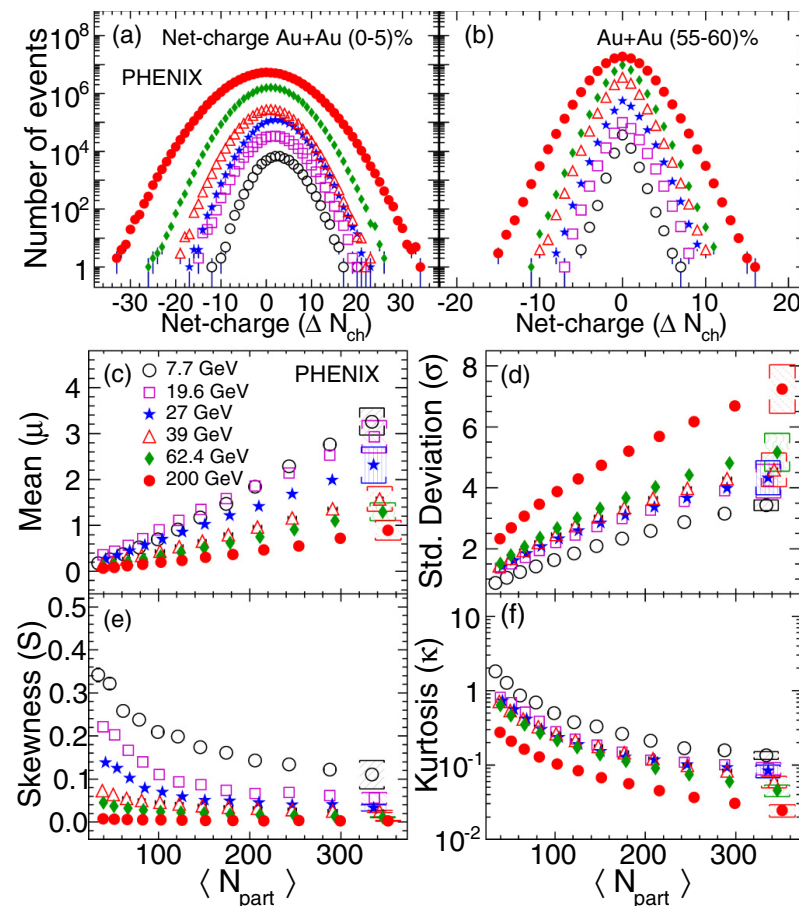
$p^\uparrow p \rightarrow W + X \rightarrow (e+\nu)+X$, transversely polarized p+p collision @ $\sqrt{s} = 510$ GeV

Unique opportunity of probe transversal helicity g_{1T} via **parity violating single transverse spin asymmetry**. With Sivers measurements, comprehensively tests universality properties of TMDs, constrains the TMD evolution effects

$$g_{1T} = \text{[Diagram of a circle with a vertical arrow pointing up and a horizontal arrow pointing right]} - \text{[Diagram of a circle with a vertical arrow pointing up and a horizontal arrow pointing left]}$$

Net charge fluctuations

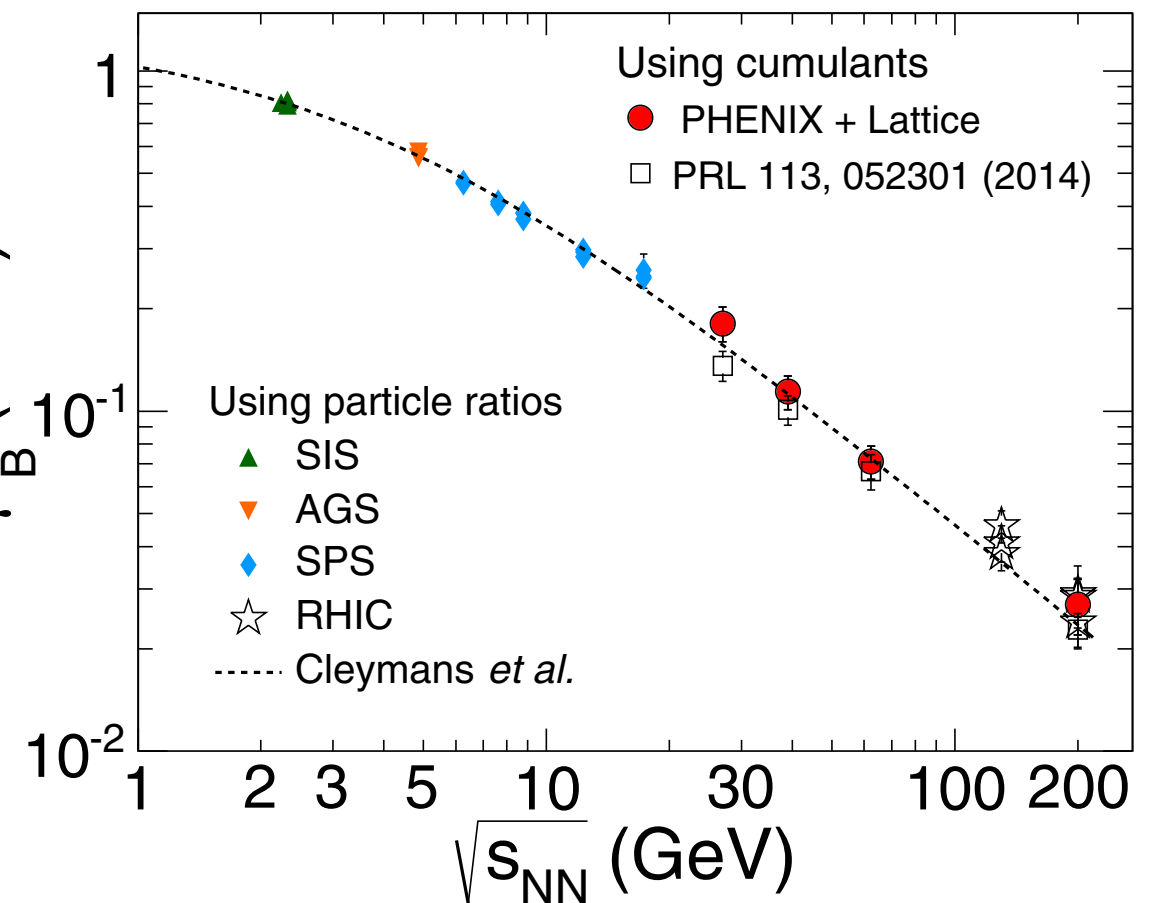
“Measurement of higher cumulants of net-charge multiplicity distributions in Au+Au collisions at $\sqrt{s_{NN}} = 7.7\text{--}200\text{ GeV}$ ”, Phys. Rev. C 93, 011901(R) 2016 (primary authors include **Jeff Mitchell (moved to EBNN)**, Mike Tannenbaum)



uncorrected net charge distributions

products and ratios of cumulants of fully corrected distributions – dependence on volume drops out

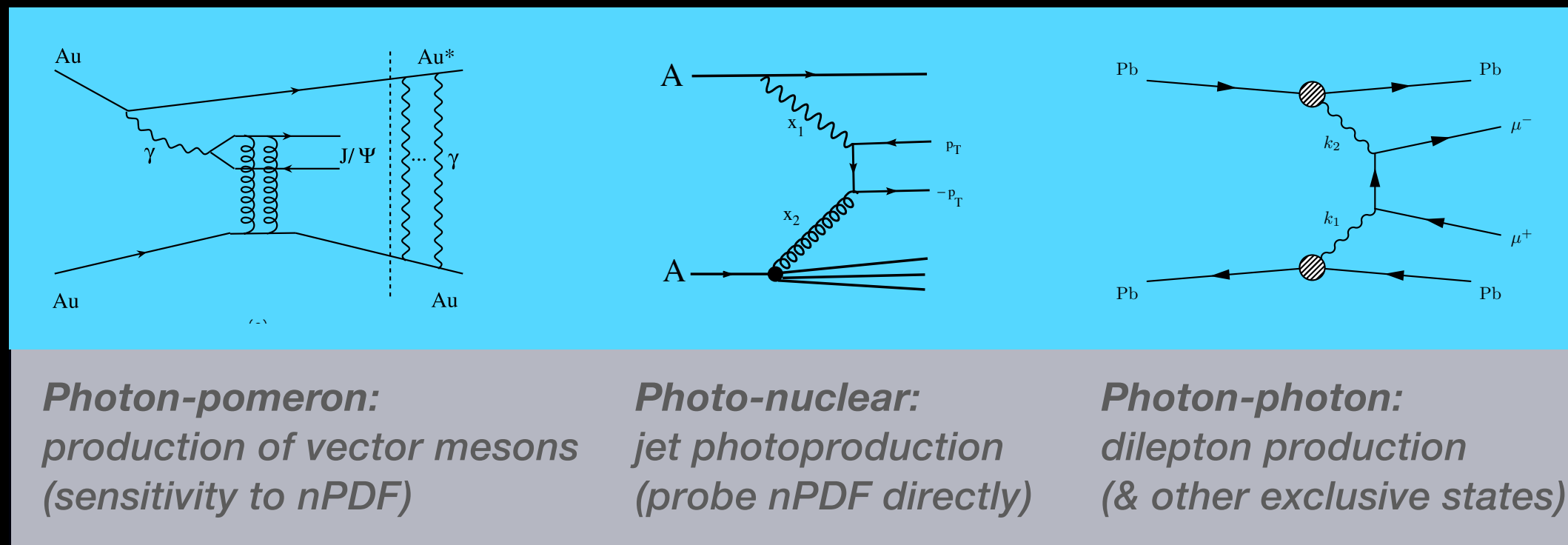
μ_B (GeV)



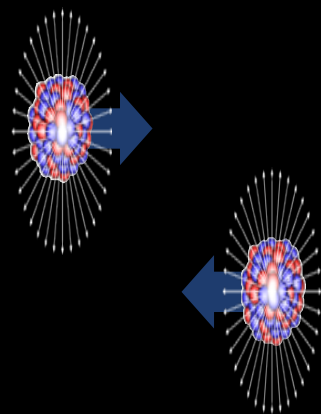
with input from LQCD, determine μ_B and T_f vs $\sqrt{s_{NN}}$ with small uncertainties

Ultra-peripheral physics in Pb+Pb with ATLAS

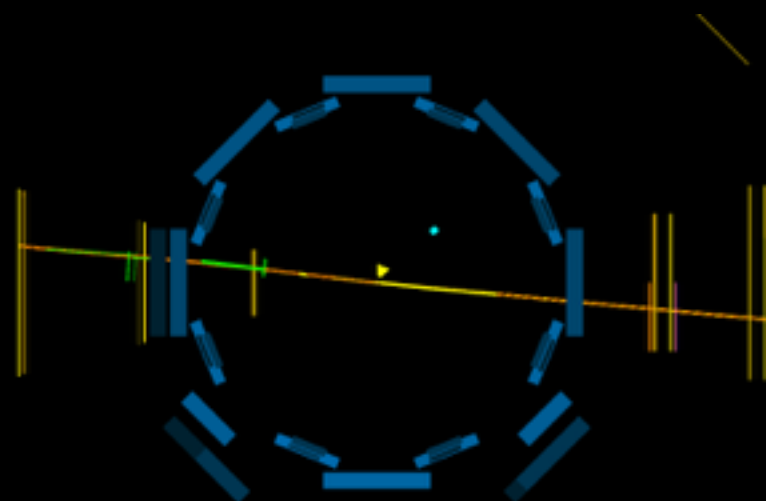
Peter Steinberg



Strong EM fields, highly contracted:
source quasi-real photons to
probe nucleus (& nucleon in p+Pb).

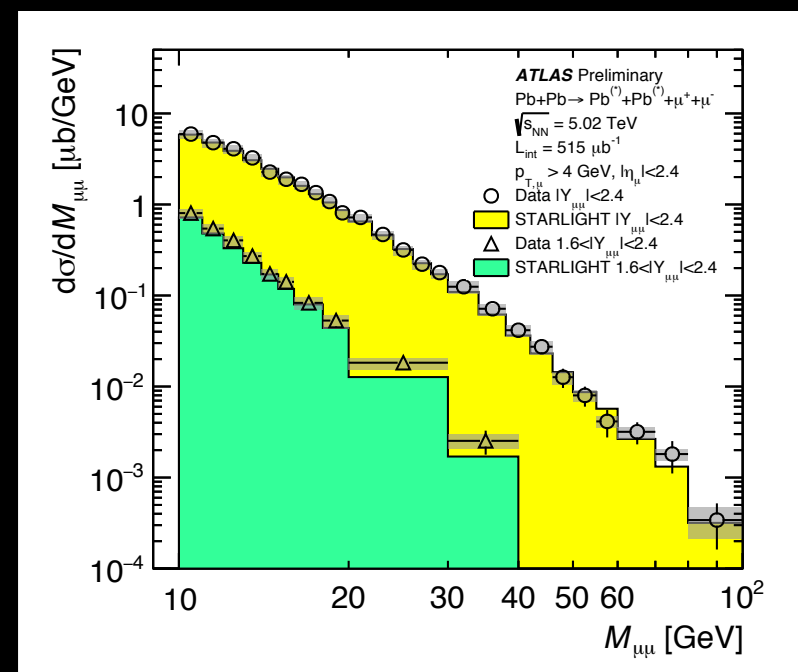


Access to some EIC physics
in the pre-EIC era?



exclusive dimuon event
in ATLAS:
 $M_{\mu\mu} = 173 \text{ GeV}$

STARLIGHT MC implements collisions of
Weisacker-Williams quasi-real photons +
QED μ^\pm production



sPHENIX physics

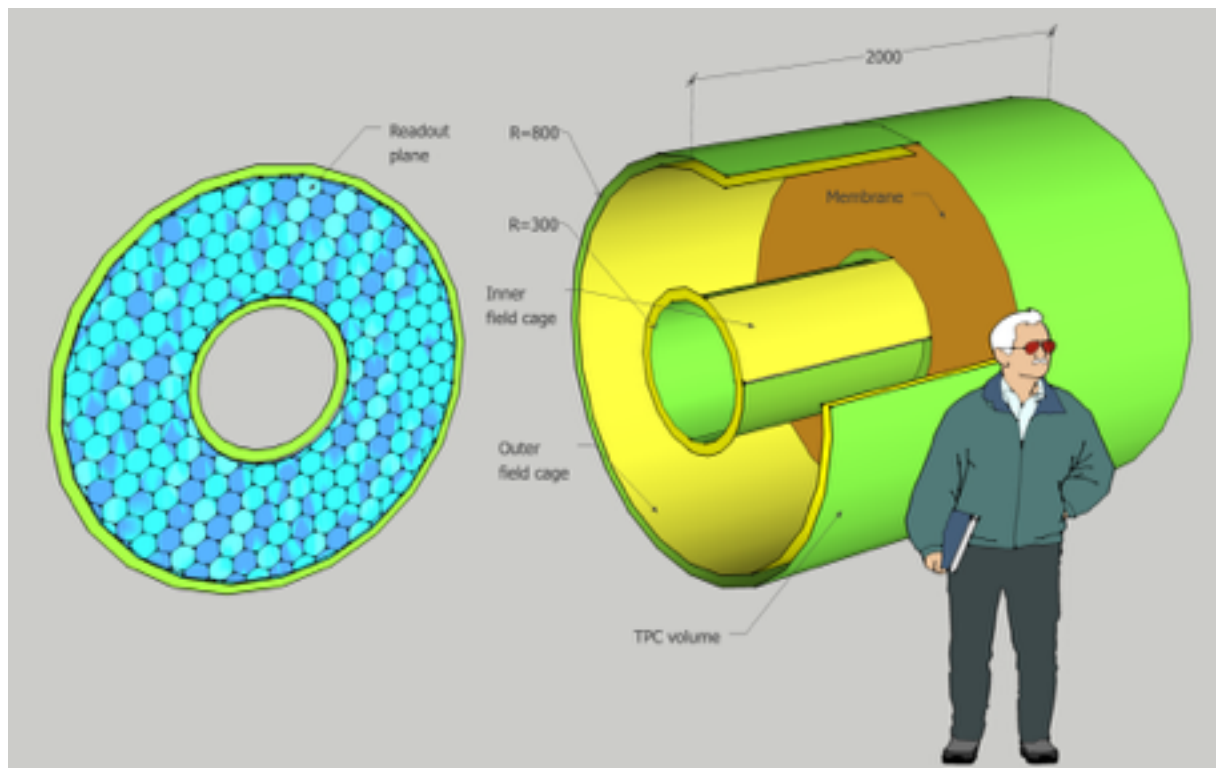
- sPHENIX science case (Morrison, Huang, Perepelitsa)
 - Jet b-tagging studies, now with full GEANT4 detector simulations (Perepelitsa)
 - EMCal simulations – studies of 1D vs 2D projectivity and relevance to Upsilon (Huang)
- Co-conveners of sPHENIX topical groups (Huang, Perepelitsa)
- Computational framework, code development, simulations (Pinkenburg, Purschke, Huang)

Tracking R&D

sPHENIX requirements Upsilon's with $\Delta m/m \sim 100 \text{ MeV}/c$; DCA $< 100 \mu\text{m}$; pattern recognition in central HI (and in jet cores)

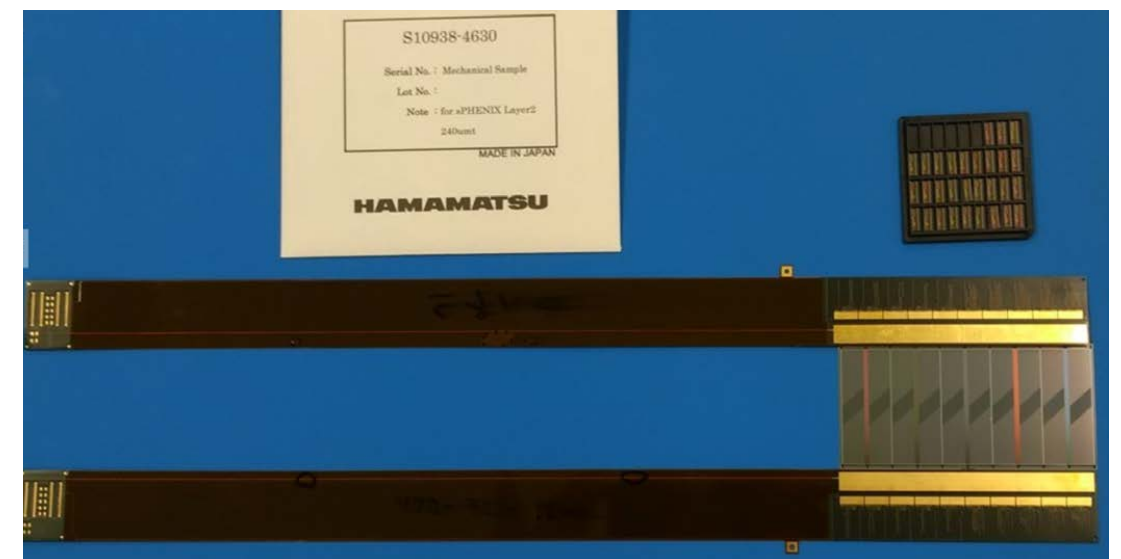
Time projection chamber for sPHENIX tracking

- Fast, compact TPC with GEM readout
- Potentially reusable for eRHIC detector



SBU+Woody, Azmoun, Sakaguchi

Investigation of possible intermediate silicon strip tracker: Hamamatsu sensors being tested



RIKEN+Nouicer

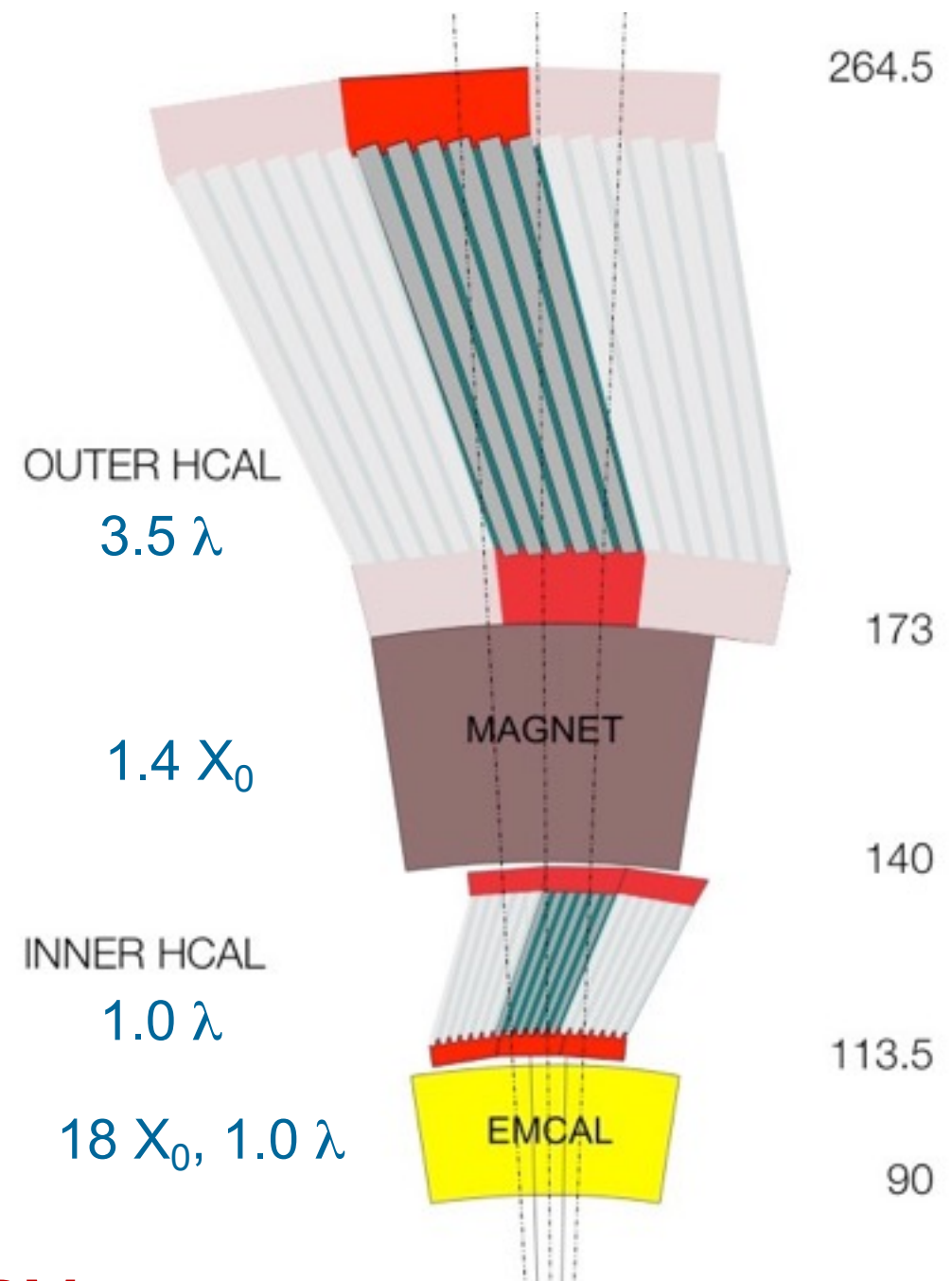
sPHENIX Calorimeters

azimuthal slice of sPHENIX

HCAL – Steel plates + scintillating tiles
with WLS fiber readout

EMCAL – Tungsten SciFi SPACAL
– based on UCLA design, with
extensions to 2D projectivity and with
large scale production innovations

Both EMCAL and HCAL read out with SiPMs
technicians, Kistenev, Haggerty

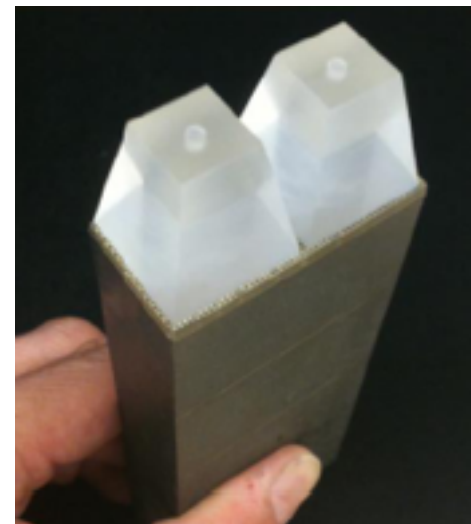
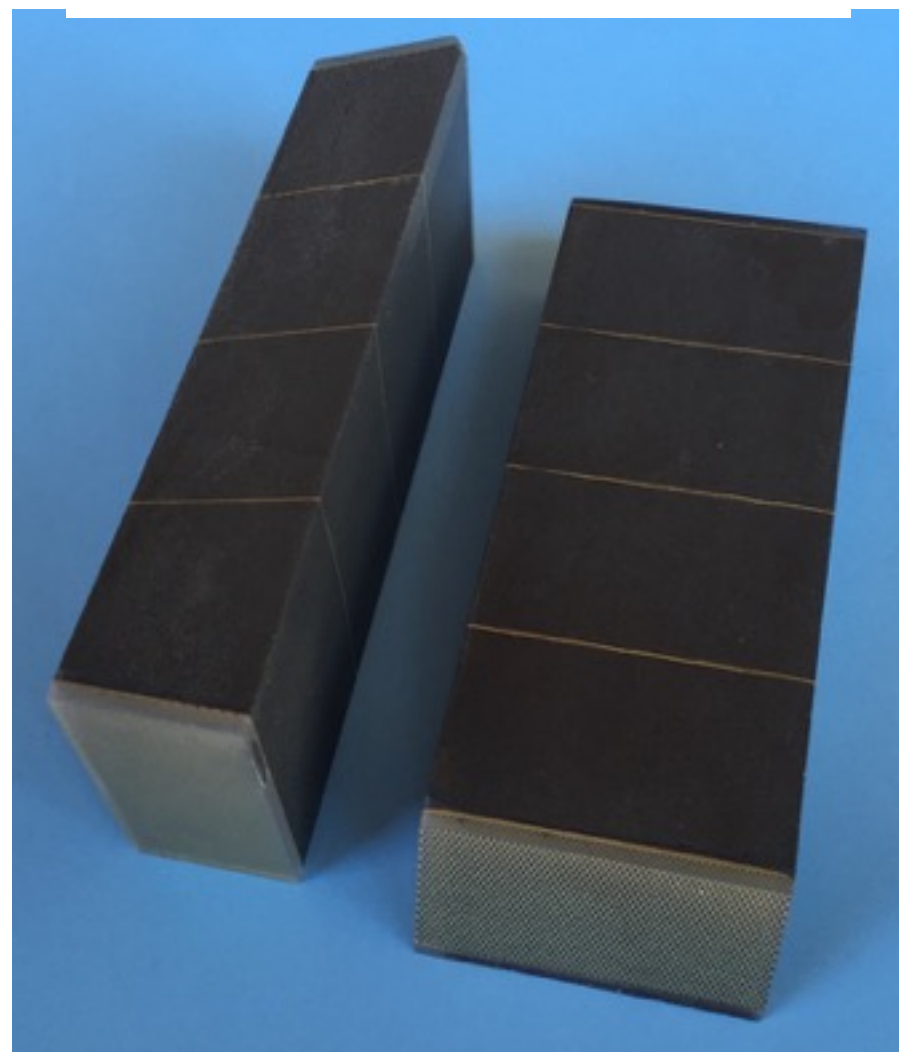
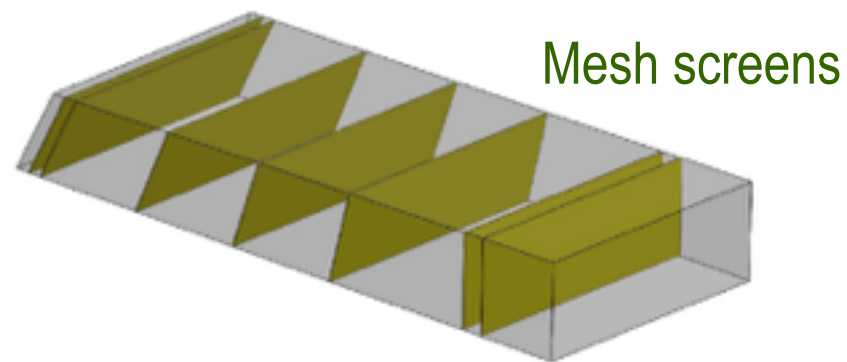


W/SciFi Modules

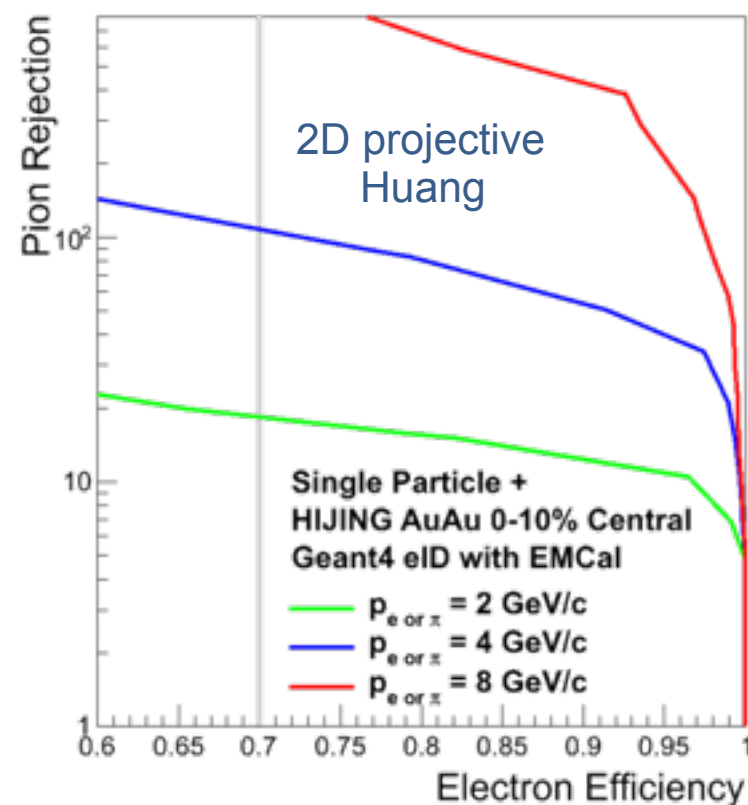
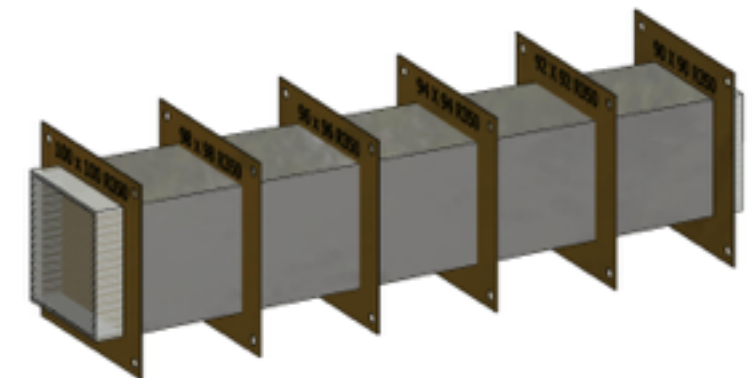
UIUC+Woody, Stoll

1D Projective

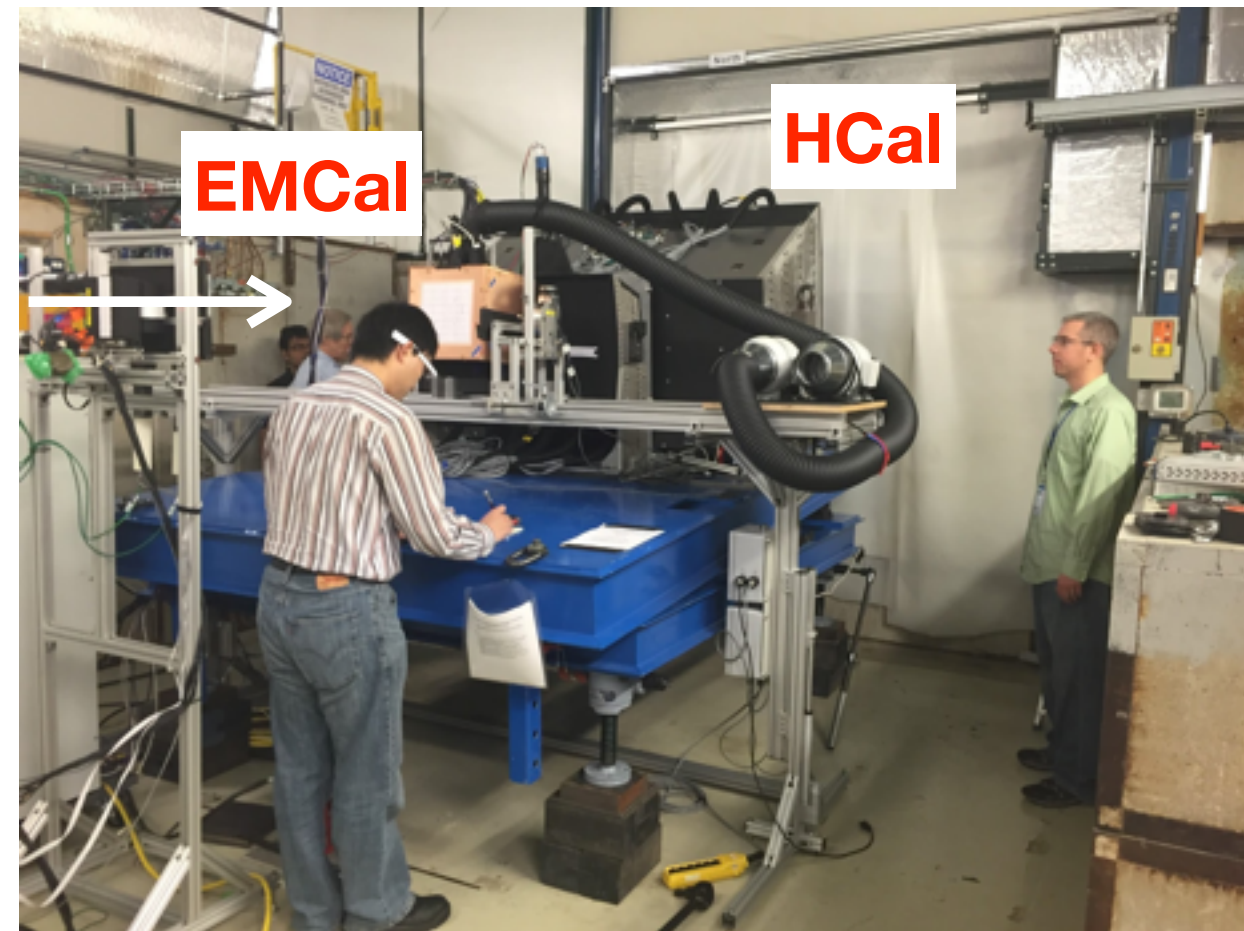
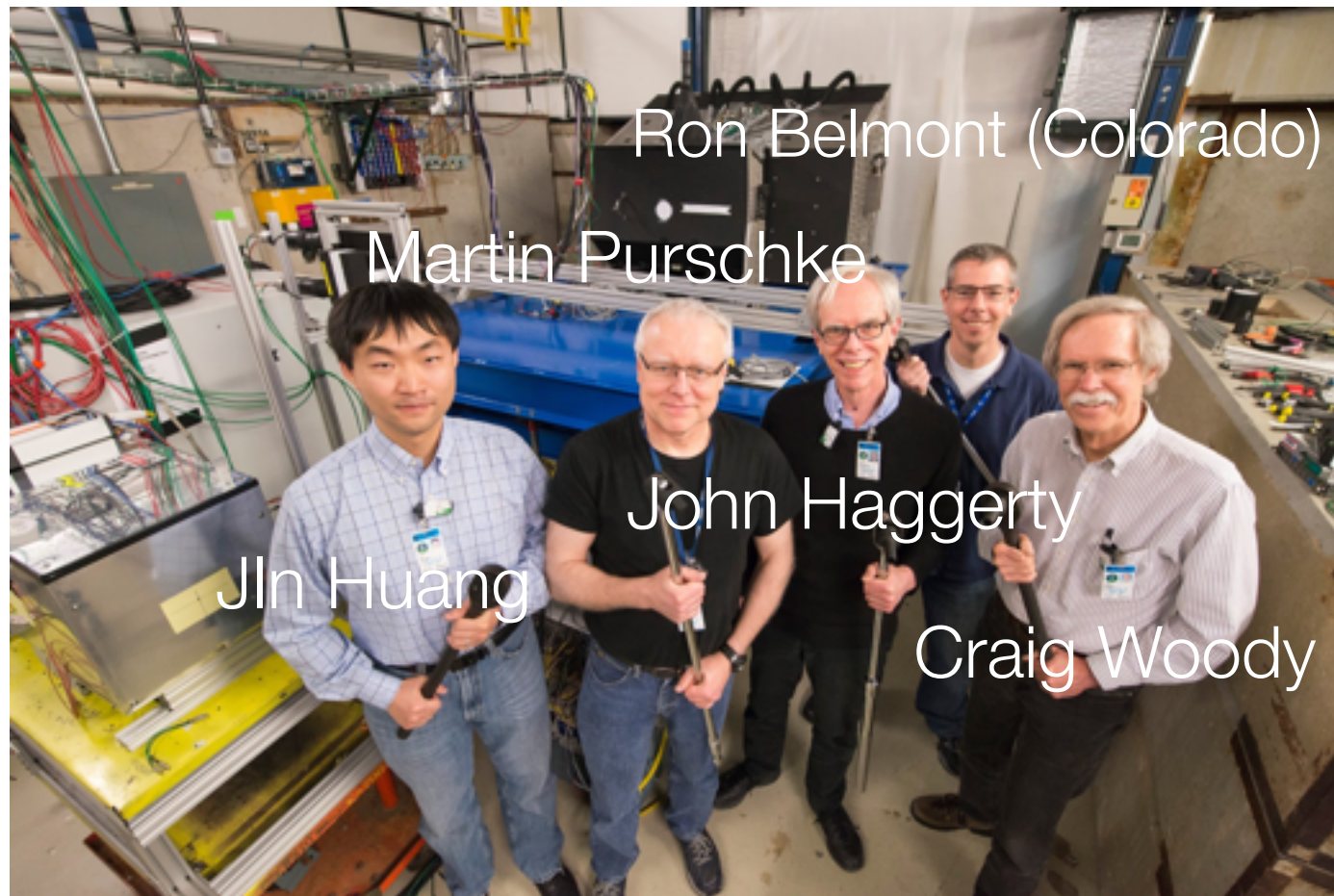
Light guides and SiPMs are attached to module ends to form towers



2D Projective



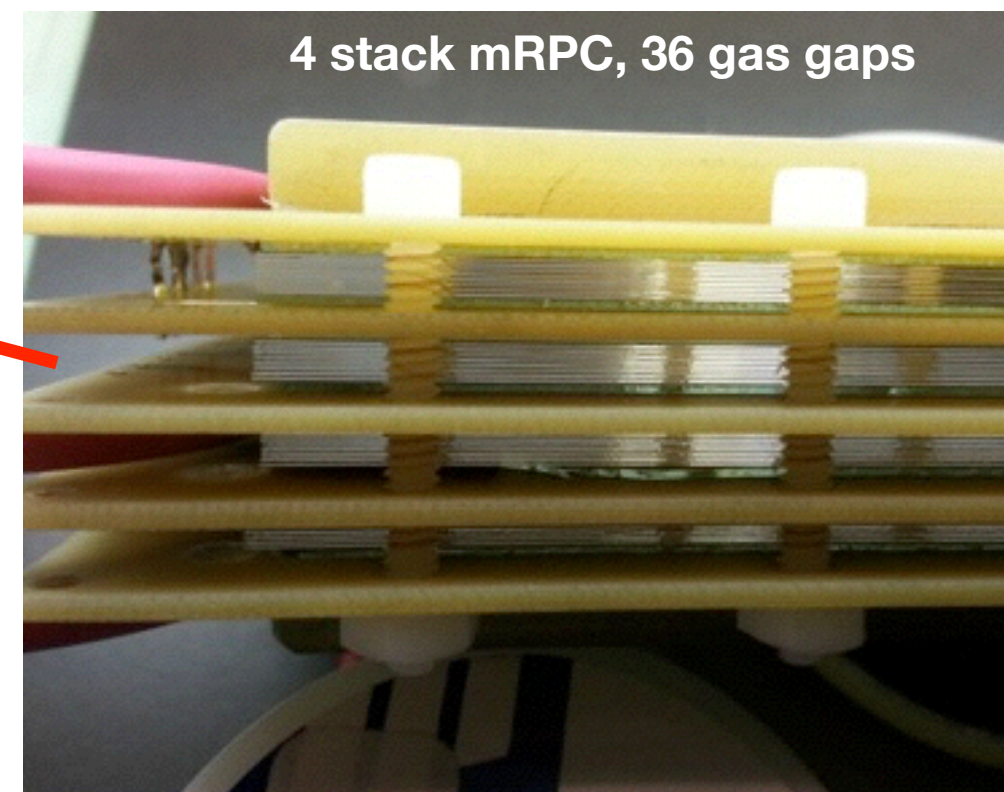
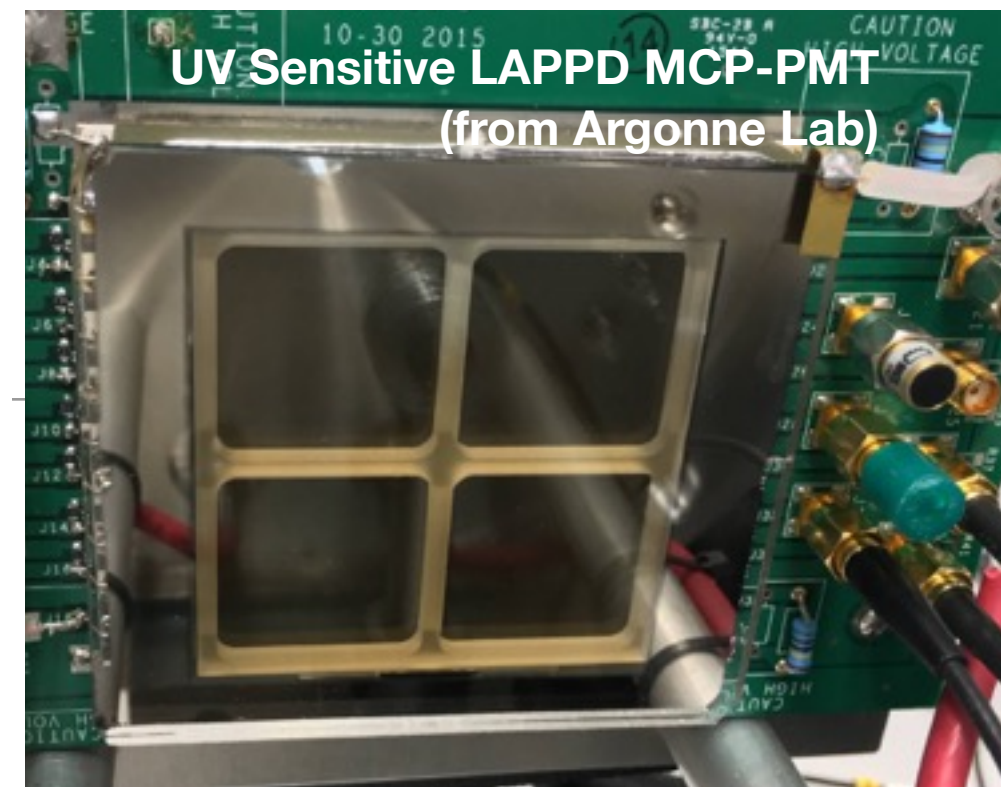
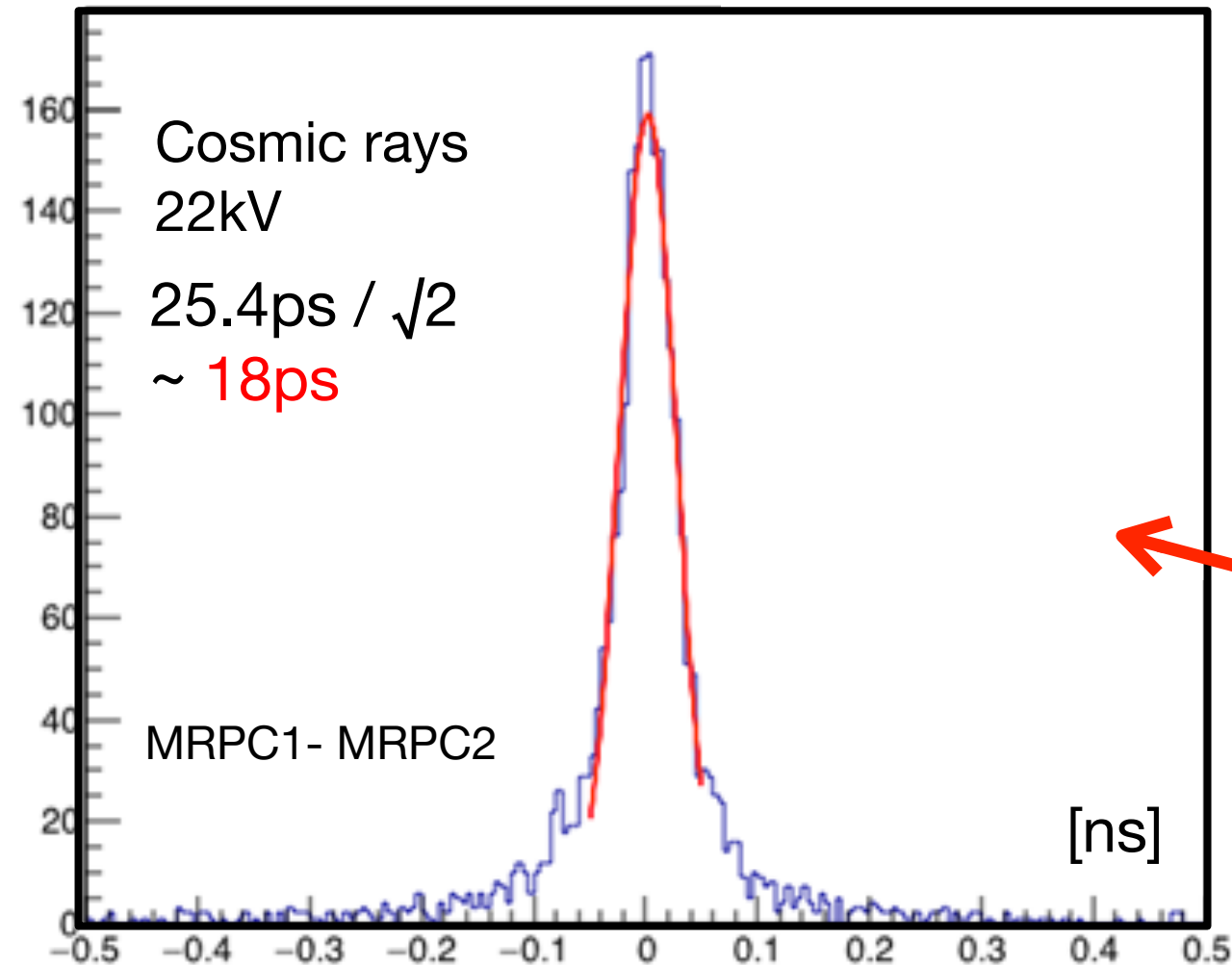
Proving R&D in test beam



sPHENIX detector development coordinated with the collaboration most notably in beam tests at Fermilab and 2014 and 2016 involving over 30 collaborators from BNL and collaborating institutions

High Performance TOF R&D

M. Chiu, A. Sukhanov (now at C-AD)



Investigating both mRPC and MCP-PMT technologies

Collaboration with UIUC, Howard, and ACU (M. Perdekamp and M. Chiu are co-PI's)

Funded by M. Chiu PECASE, EIC Generic R&D, and UIUC NSF Grant

Hosts of 4 ACU and 4 Howard undergraduate students in summer 2015 and 2016

Achieved ~ 20 ps with thin glass mRPC

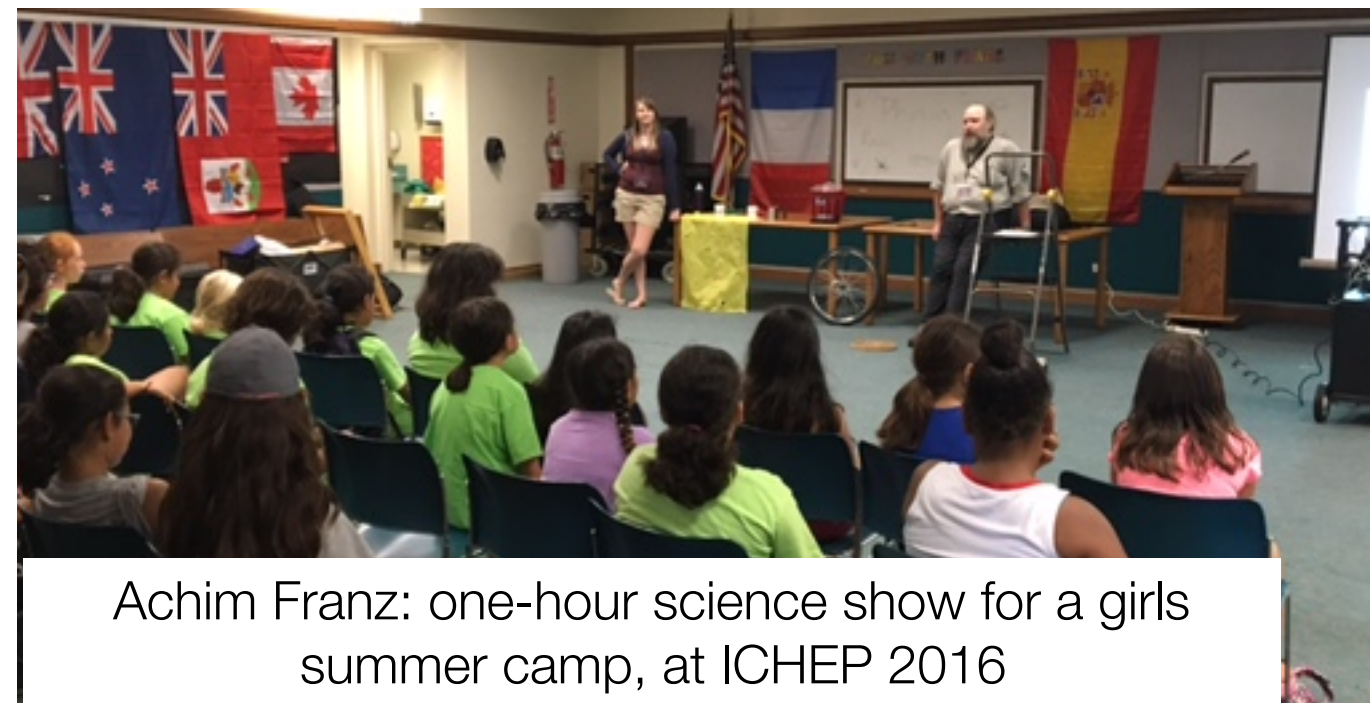
Building sPHENIX compatible DRS4 readout board over next year

longtime PHENIX Summer Sunday lead: Achim Franz
(moved to Physics Dep't. ESSH)



Recent PHENIX public outreach

Setup by BNL/PHENIX technicians



Summer Sunday 2016:
1400 visitors

Engaging students in research

- PHENIX operations – shifts, data monitoring, analysis – all involve students and postdocs
- Wide array of ongoing R&D involves students working with members of the PHENIX group. Some examples from this summer include EMCal mechanical prototyping using 3D printing, cosmic ray test stand for fast TOF
 - Abilene Christian University (Rusty Towell and students)
 - Howard University (Marcus Alfred and students)
 - Stony Brook University (Spencer Locks (mech. engineering))
- Tours (~30/year) for visitors, many student groups

Summary

- Group continues to be very successful with key responsibilities and activities: PHENIX operations and collaboration support, PHENIX and ATLAS HI analysis, R&D, planning for future scientific directions
- Scientific staff recently reduced by five FTEs, technical staff reduced by three FTEs; Goldhaber postdoc Perepelitsa now Asst. Prof. at Colorado
- Will rapidly ramp-down PHENIX operations effort towards ~1.5 FTE
- Anticipating sPHENIX, a pivot in direction of group effort – generic R&D, project management, support of test beam, hosting of sPHENIX collaboration. Aim to build and maintain “critical mass” of intellectual strength on key sPHENIX science – obvious target is jet physics
- Exciting, but very challenging period of transition. Maintaining group’s scientific strength, to recruit and retain needed personnel, will require continued support from Laboratory to hire postdocs, junior staff, targeted hires.